

Torrance, California
June 14, 1938.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE.

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a
regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance,

California, on Tuesday evening, June 14, 1938 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held May 24, 1938 and of an adjourned regular meeting held June 6, 1938 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Elk Lodge of Redondo Beach, extending an invitation to the Flag Day ceremony to be held June 14, 1938 at 8:00 P.M.

A communication was read from Matthew Shepperd, 4542 W. 160th Street, Lawndale, requesting permission to use a few sticks of dynamite and caps for blasting stumps between Arlington and Western Avenue on the south side of 182nd Street.

Councilman McGuire moved that the request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Donald Findley, Counselor-at-law, requesting replacement of two peppertrees at 2111 Cabrillo Avenue with carob or red gum trees.

Councilman McGuire moved that the matter be referred to the Street Department with power to act. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Two communications were read from C.J. Rambo & Company, in which Mr. Rambo agreed to make quarterly audits of the books of the City of Torrance for the total compensation of \$225.00, payable in quarterly installments, and to make quarterly audits of the books of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 for the total compensation of \$200.00. payable quarterly.

Councilman McGuire moved that the Mayor be authorized to complete a contract with C.J. Rambo & Company for the service above mentioned. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Automobile Club of Southern California, requesting permission to place directional signs at Western Avenue and Carson Street, all expenses in connection therewith to be borne by the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Thomas Ford, applying for a license to operate a pool hall at 825 Border Avenue.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be referred to the Police Department for investigation and report. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett stated that the Southern California Edison Company is desirous of placing a sodium light at the corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Highway 101.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be referred to the Engineering Department for investigation and report. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read in full:

ORDINANCE NO. 304

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING BOULEVARD STOPS,
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF,

AND AMENDING PORTION OF ORDINANCE NO.
260.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 304 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Young reported that a request had been received for a street light at 240th Street and Ward Street, which, in his estimation, is unnecessary, due to the fact that there are lights on the corners of 240th and Park Streets and 240th and Madison Streets, giving ample light at 240th and Ward Streets.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the Light Committee for investigation. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Young, Councilman Hitchcock moved that Councilman Murray and Attorney McCall be appointed on the Southwest District Highways Association committee to represent the City of Torrance, Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Young reported that the W.P.A. Center Line Survey Project had been reopened.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the contract with Mr. Luther Andrews for collecting garbage and refuse be continued.

Councilman Murray requested information as to why bids were not asked for before awarding the garbage contract.

Clerk Bartlett stated that several bids had been submitted and that, in his opinion, the bids should be read.

Mayor Tolson pointed out that many of the people submitting bids are not familiar with the cost of operating trucks and would under bid Mr. Andrews, who had had the contract long enough to know exactly what maintenance and operation of trucks amounts to. He said there is also some question as to whether or not satisfactory service could be had from someone else, whereas it is a proven fact that Mr. Andrews renders very good service.

Councilman Hitchcock then withdrew his motion.

The matter was deferred until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that not to exceed \$68.00, plus sales tax, be appropriated for the purchase of drip fluid. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Murray moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$78.75 be made for floor wax. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1187 entitled "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Torrance authorizing execution of Lease and Agreement with W.E. Morris for fiscal year 1938-39 covering baseball grounds and concessions.", which was read at the meeting of June 6, 1938, be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Murray moved that the matter of paying \$20.00 per month rent instead of \$15.00 for the recreation building at 2415 Arlington Avenue, owned by Robert Nuckles, be postponed until the next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request for removal of ten eucalyptus trees on El Prado Street be complied with only after construction is fifty percent completed. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation from the Advertising Fund of not to exceed \$35.00 be made for the California Civil Service Peace Officers' dinner to be held June 30, 1938. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Police Department be authorized to obtain possession of the bass violin now in possession of the Torrance Musical Society. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A Mr. Foley protested to the letting of the garbage contract without submitting it for bids, stating that the whole thing seemed a little irregular.

✓ Mr. Ludlow stated that there will soon be two vacancies on the Library Board and suggested that a woman be appointed to fill one of the vacancies.

Mr. Ludlow also inquired what progress had been made on the tentative swimming pool project. He was informed that a report will be made by the City Engineer in the near future.

A Mr. Willetts suggested that the entrance into Palos Verdes Estates from Highway 101 on Hawthorne Boulevard be improved, stating that W.P.A. labor could be had. There was a great deal of discussion on this matter, but no definite action was taken.

Councilman McGuire moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:53 P.M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Baird
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

W. H. Tolson
Mayor of the City of Torrance